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## Entering hard hat area

*Early phases of construction complete on Stanson Hall*

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Lebanon Valley College continues to remain focused on students and their futures as renovation plans for a new dormitory Stanson Hall are fully underway.

After completing the Neidig-Garber Science Center last year, which came in under the \$18.4 million budget, LVC has taken on a new adventure.

The addition of a new residence, Stanson Hall, comes as no surprise, seeing that LVC spent roughly \$75 million over the past fifteen years in



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**UNDERWAY** Significant progress has been made on the construction of Stanson Hall since the beginning of the semester

renovations alone.

The need for additional housing is not a new problem for students living on campus. Vice President for Student Affairs Greg Krikorian says that “we have been over-occupied for the last two years by 20 to 40 students.”

Stanson Hall is projected to accommodate 148 students over three floors with an additional apartment for staff services. The goal is to create an organized environment for students by giving them what Kriko-

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## A neighborly act Barbecue benefits student's family after tragic fire

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After a tragic fire claimed the home of Lebanon Valley College freshman and Lebanon resident, Cassandra Klepper '12, friends and relatives of her family came together on Thursday, Sept. 25 and organized a chicken barbecue for their benefit.

It was an overcast day, but the forecasted storms were holding off to the benefit of the fundraisers as they stood at the intersection of 422 and Metro Ave. in Lebanon, manning the grill and catering tent.

Clad in aprons, Klepper's two aunts and her grandmother worked diligently to put together the chicken dinners.

“It went very well,” said Klepper's aunt, Shelly Baisch. “We sold about 400 chickens and made approximately \$600.”

All proceeds are going directly to the Klepper family, including mother and father Bobbi Jo and Scott, who were not in attendance.

“We asked the family not to be here,” explained Baisch, after handing a half-dozen chicken halves to a supporter. “This was something we wanted to do for them...without it



Ben Waltz '11 / LA VIE

**HELP THY NEIGHBOR** Ken Gilbert of Lebanon tends to chickens over an open pit barbecue last Thursday. Gilbert is a friend of student Cassandra Klepper's family, who lost their home and four dogs to a fire. The BBQ raised \$600 for the family

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## ★ DECISION 2008 ★

### Debating the debate

*Students react to first showdown between presidential candidates*

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The first presidential debate between Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona and Democratic Sen. Barack Obama took place at the University of Mississippi last Friday.

A group of about 20 students gathered in the Underground to watch the debate. The students included the presidents of the College Democrats and HyPE, and the majority watching seemed to be Obama supporters. Most students felt that Obama won the debate, although some were dis-

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## We Want YOU

to vote in the

**LVC Mock Election**

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**Where:** Faust Lounge

**Time:** 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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## NEWS

## Michelle Obama's phone conference with students



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"Young people have a huge impact on this campaign," Michelle Obama said.

Michelle, wife of Democratic presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama, made those remarks during a national telephone news conference with college newspaper reporters Monday, Sept. 22.

Obama conducted the conference call from the University of Wisconsin where she held a rally for Obama campaign supporters prior to the event. During the call, she addressed a number of campaign issues but focused on the participation of young voters on Election Day.

Obama stressed how much of a voice young voters have, and that the only way to make a difference is to make their voices heard, no matter who it is they vote for.

She also stressed that being an educated voter is more important than just voting.

"If someone does not want to vote for my husband, I want it to be because they understand the issues and disagree with him on those issues," she said.

Mrs. Obama's remarks also touched on the war in Iraq, Darfur, the economy and global warming.

"The next president will have a mess to deal with," she declared. "Obama will give us the change we need."

Mrs. Obama concluded the conference call with several questions from listeners about her husband's policies and one in particular concerning comparisons to former President John F. Kennedy and assassination fears.

"My husband and I were not brought up to focus on everything that could go wrong now. We look toward the future, not hardship or challenge. [T]hat one aside, any comparison to the Kennedys is a tremendous honor."

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Stanson Hall brings living option changes  
*Off-campus living will be available, but on a more limited basis*

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Grab a local newspaper, turn to the classifieds and start searching for inexpensive housing. Living off-campus is still an option for LVC students.

With its completion set for the fall of 2009, Stanson Hall will provide housing for more than 100 students. However, there's still an opportunity for juniors and seniors to apply to live off-campus if they can demonstrate a financial need or if they need to live off-campus for physical, medical, personal, family and/or age issues. These reasons will be evaluated by the Director of Financial Aid, Director of Disability Services, and Health Services.

"In the past seven to eight years, pretty much as long as I've been here, we've been approving between 50 to 70 juniors and seniors to live off-campus," said Jason Kuntz, director of residential life. "This year, 90 to 100 students are off-campus, but I would say 90 percent of them are seniors."

The houses owned by the college, including houses on Main Street, College Avenue, Maple Street and Sheridan Avenue, are considered on-campus and still offer an independent living style that differs from tradi-

tional dormitory living. The handful of homes that the college owns, along with the apartments, do cost a bit more compared to the traditional dorms. Traditional board ran at \$1,895 this

**"It [housing lottery] will be based on involvement and GPA. A president or a captain would get so many points."**

JASON KUNTZ

Director of Residential Life

year. These prices vary with location and style, from \$2,105 to \$2,365.

Non-dorm students could encounter problems involving the meal plan, which is required of all resident students. The lowest-priced meal plan offered to date is 10 meals a week, with the exception of the commuter five-meal plan. The costs of the meal plans depend on the amount of meals and increasing food costs. The 10-meal plan starts at \$1,600 while

the 20-meal plan costs \$1,985.

"In the future the meal plans may change to dollar amounts, instead of set meals, so the students wouldn't feel as though they're losing a meal when they don't go to the cafeteria, but that's no promise," Kuntz said.

The biggest change brought to the residential table for next year is the format of the lottery drawing to pick housing. In prior years, lottery numbers were picked by forming groups of everyone with the same amount of credits, then randomly selecting people from the group and assigning them a number. Next year, the groups will be formed by a point scale. This is a way of rewarding those involved, as well as those who are succeeding. Points can also be docked for behavior issues.

"I still need to create the scale by February, but it will be based on involvement and GPA," Kuntz said. "An example would be that a president or a captain would get so many points, and members of the team or club would also get a certain amount of points."

After these exceptions, the lottery will continue like in previous years. The lowest number goes first and so on. This new points system is going to be designed to allow

well-rounded students, those who are involved and who do well in the classroom, to have the better pick of the residential choices available.

"The best junior still wouldn't be picked before the worst senior, in the point scale," Kuntz said.

In other words, the senior with the lowest amount of points on this scale will still choose his or her housing before the junior with the highest amount of points.

With the addition of the new residential hall, forced triples and quads (students living with three or four people) should be few and far between. Renovations will continue to take place in all the dormitories and homes as needed. What else might the future hold for LVC residents?

"The College is not actively pursuing this, but in the next few years, we could sell off the Main Street homes and purchase more homes on College Avenue," Kuntz said.

Alternative living on campus may be more expensive than living off-campus. However, with only a fraction of the students permitted for off-campus living, there is still hope for independent style living, even if it is, technically, still on-campus.

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## STANSON: Early phases of construction complete

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rian refers to as the opportunity to "establish learning communities."

The early phases of construction are already in progress with block walls stacked to the third story. The site appears organized and safe with the protection of a six-foot fence circling the building. Entrance to the site is restricted due to the quantity and volume of materials and machinery.

Eventually, students will be asked to evaluate the dorm and give possible input about any changes.

Residents can access laundry services and wireless Internet connection within the dorm. The facility will be air-conditioned and house both male and female students.

Common areas located on each floor and the main lounge can serve as forums for academic discussions or comfort zones for relaxation.

Tom Hanrahan, director of col-



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Blueprint for the new student residence, Stanson Hall

lege relations, explains that the new building, which is located directly across from Silver Hall, will be named after Gregory Stanson.

Stanson graduated from LVC in 1963 and retired last year from his 43-year position as Vice President of Student Affairs. The dorm will be a dedication to his service

and commitment to Lebanon Valley College. It came in response to what Hanrahan describes as the "need to offer extended opportunities and facilities to students."

According to Vice President for Administration Bob Hamilton, High Construction was chosen to build Stanson Hall. High Con-

struction was founded in 1978 after a merger with Lantz Builders. According to their Web site, the company is based in Lancaster and encapsulates over six million square feet. The firm was awarded the General Contractor of the Year Award in 2007 by the American Contractors Association of Central Pa.

Stanson Hall is set to open in the fall of 2009.

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## Corrections &amp; Clarifications

It is our continuing goal to provide readers with complete and accurate information. To that end, we welcome and encourage notification of any mistakes. Readers who wish to submit corrections should send an email to lavie@lvc.edu, subject line: *Corrections*.



## NEWS

CAMPUS  
CRIMEWATCH

All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety

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**Public Safety reported no incidents last week.**

Please report any suspicious activity to Public Safety at x6111.

## BBQ: \$600 raised for family

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getting too emotional.”

Causing an unquantifiable amount of financial and emotional damages, the fire took everything the family had. Luckily, Kepper and her parents avoided injury, but four close family members were lost in the incident.

“They lost four dogs in the fire,” recounted Ruth Leaman, Klepper’s aunt. “Sophia, Buster, Rascal, and Buddy.”

It took the Humane League of Lebanon over 24 hours to arrive on the scene and recover the remains of the beloved canines.

Ten yards away from the tent stands a lone gentleman tending to the chickens over the open pit barbecue. Ken Gilbert, 54, of Lebanon and close friend of the Kleppers, runs KBR’s Open Pit Barbecue out of Lebanon. After hearing of his

friends’ plight, Gilbert decided to roll out his BBQ gear and help out in a time of need.

“I heard about [the fire] and didn’t know what was going on,” recalled Gilbert as he flipped the current round of chickens. “I’ve known the family for two years now...and wanted to help out.”

“The mother called me,” continued Gilbert, “and then I heard they lost their [four] animals. The Humane League took a long time to come out to the house, which upset the family considerably.”

Tragedy has a way of bringing friends and families together in acts of humanitarianism and good will, and the unfortunate fire of August 19 is a testament to the loyalty of a close knit community in Central Pennsylvania.

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## SGA discusses caf changes

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The cafeteria seemed to be a big topic with the Student Government Association on Monday. Tentatively, after students arrive back from winter break, there will be a tray-less trial run in the cafeteria.

According to a recent *USA Today* article, some colleges are eliminating the use of trays because it may be causing students to take more food than will be consumed and also will hopefully save water and energy.

In the cafeteria, the concern has been raised about cookies and chicken nugget Thursday instead of chicken tender Thursday. Cookies are only being served every other day. The switch of chicken tender to chicken nuggets are in hopes of saving money, but keep your eyes out

for the return of the chicken tender.

Also at the meeting, two campus organizations were promoted to preliminary club status and another was awarded official club status.

Habitat for Humanity and Pre-Law Club were awarded preliminary status, which gives the club a chance to develop. After a fifteen-week period, the club is to come back to another SGA meeting to apply for permanent club status. Colleges Against Cancer was awarded permanent status.

There was also a demand for a recount for Homecoming Court. Multiple students were voting multiple times. IT Services worked with Jen Evans, student government adviser, and created a way that one e-mail address is permitted to vote just one time. Survey Monkey will be more accurate because of this change.

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## ‘Red Lot Prowler’ to serve time

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A 24-year-old Annville Township man has been sentenced to state prison for two to four years for breaking into 31 vehicles in the Red Lot last February, according to the Lebanon *Daily News*.

David M. Goodman-Hlavaty, 115 Heisey Drive, was also ordered last week to pay restitution of more than \$11,000.

“I was pleased the judge responded accordingly to the crimes that were committed by Mr. Hlavaty on our campus last winter,” said Al Yingst, director of Public Safety. “We also have dealt with Hlavaty in the past, so yes, I

believe the sentence was justified.”

Fined \$1,500 on multiple counts of theft from a motor vehicle and one each of possession of an instrument of crime and criminal trespass, Goodman-Hlavaty was also fined \$1,100 for 22 summary offenses of criminal mischief.

Goodman-Hlavaty pleaded guilty July 24 to charges that he used a hammer to break into the vehicles and stole items from them.

The first incidents occurred between February 1 and 7, when 10 confirmed burglaries took place. A second wave of attacks, which resulted in an additional 21 damaged vehicles, occurred early in the morning of February 13.

“It brings some sense of relief

that he was caught by an LVC Public Safety Officer and will pay for his actions,” Yingst said. “Hopefully for the victims of his senseless actions, it will bring them some closure.”

One victim, Jeffrey Thompson ’10, had his car window broken and a number of CDs stolen. He has not heard from Annville Twp. police if his stolen items were recovered. Although he thinks Goodman-Hlavaty received a strong sentence, Thompson thinks more action needs to be taken.

“It still does not bring a sense of relief to me because the school does not have cameras on those parking lots,” he said, “which means some one else could do the same thing if they felt like it.”

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## DEBATE: No clear winner

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appointed with both candidates.

“Both had strong points,” said Ashley Conzelmann ’11, elementary education. “McCain had his moments, but Obama won.”

Tim Davis ’12, digital communications, expressed a different view.

“I agree with Obama more, but I don’t think there was a winner because the option of winning doesn’t work in a debate,” he said. “It’s a discussion of ideals where both back up opinions.”

“At first, both showed they don’t know what’s going on with the economy,” Klimovitz said.

“Obama seemed more mature about the debate,” said Lisa Adamu ’12, elementary education. “He won but [still] was challenged by McCain.”

Students seemed to enjoy the debates even more when the candidates added a little verbal fuel to the political fire.

Students responded well to the candidates’ jokes and sarcasm. There were several instances when McCain interrupted Jim Lehrer, the moderator. And after a few eye rolls and laughs, one student said, “McCain is talking too much. Shut up.”



Ben Waltz ’11 / LA VIE

**POLITICAL PARTY** Students gather in the Underground to watch Senators John McCain and Barack Obama face off in the first presidential debate last Friday. The debate watch party was hosted by College Democrats and HyPE

Students applauded when Obama said to McCain, “Coming from you, who in the past have threatened extinction for North Korea and sung songs about bombing Iran,” and laughed at McCain saying he never won the Miss Congeniality award during his time in Congress.

Students weren’t just commenting on the issues discussed or the arguments between Obama and McCain.

The first reaction heard from one student was, “Obama’s suit looks better than McCain’s.”

Students also looked for the candidates to discuss topics that affect them.

“[The war] is a big issue to me; it’s personal,” said Conzelmann, who has a friend serving in Afghanistan. “I agree most with what Obama said about it.”

She said she likes that Obama raised the issue of an affordable college education.

“He was the only one who talked about it,” she said.

Klimovitz admitted, “I’m traditionally a Republican and consider myself to be independent, but I support Obama,” because of his stances on certain issues including the war on terror and health care.

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## Teach-in: The 2008 Election

**What:** A nonpolitical event, the teach-in’s aim is to help the student community relate their education to the important economic, political and social issues facing the nation. Select classes will be open to the public, and forums will be held ranging in topics from faith and politics to imagery in the election.

**When:** Thurs., October 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Where:** Leedy Theatre and select classrooms (contact Dr. Noelle Vahanian, vahanian@lvc.edu)



# Features

## Student Internships: Politics, Princes and Producing, OH MY!

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Many LVC students spend their summers working too many hours and getting paid too little at jobs they don't like.

But three LVC students—Jon Wolff '09, Steve Wisner '09 and Cassandra Kane '10—spent their summers at internships of their dreams.

Wolff, a music recording technology major, spent twelve weeks at Creative Sound Studios in Orefield, Pa., where he dealt with the post-production part of the audio industry. He heard about the internship from other LVC interns who spoke to his intro class.

"Amanda Marsteller came in and shared about her internship at this studio, and that's what got me interested," Wolff explains.

To apply, Wolff called the studio and made an appointment for an interview. He was also required to take a small proficiency test on the recording software.

Wolff landed the job, and a couple weeks after his last final, he started working 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the studio. He spent the next weeks observing day sessions for post-production of the truTV series *Forensic Files*, as well as working on his project.

"Helena [the owner] has her interns recreate and synchronize audio to a movie clip of their choice,"

Wolff says. "I did the clock tower scene in *Back to the Future*."

While some students are able to find their dream internship close to home, sometimes Pennsylvania is just not good enough. Steve Wisner, an English communications major, spent January 23 to August 15 (with a time extension) as a character performer in Walt Disney World, Florida.

"I just always wanted to be a part of the magic," Wisner admits.

He pursued the internship on numerous online searches and found all his information on the Disney College Program Web site. The application process proved to be extensive, including attending a presentation at Harrisburg Area Community College, submitting a resume and application, being interviewed via telephone and finally auditioning in Pittsburgh.

Because of Disney's strict confidentiality policy, Wisner cannot reveal everything he did in Disney, although he is allowed to say he worked in all four major theme parks, as well as a number of resorts and Blizzard Beach.

Like Wisner, Cassandra Kane, an English communications and political science double major, did not want to stay close at home.

"Knowing that I wanted to land an internship this summer," explains Kane, "early last fall I began searching, aiming high but also keeping local newspapers in mind. All along, though, Washington was calling."

Kane ended up landing a 12-week internship with *Human Events*, a conservative online magazine based in Washington, D.C.

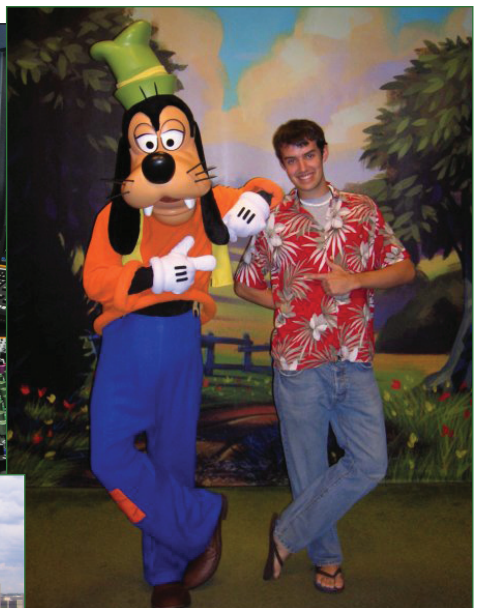
Kane first completed an online application and submitted her cover letter, resume and about a dozen writing samples to the program director. Less than a week later, she received a phone call requesting a phone interview and was then asked to travel to D.C. for a personal interview.

"Within two days, I received an e-mail acceptance, followed by a hard copy in the mail one week later."

Working 40 hours a week, Kane claims that "there was certainly never a dull moment." Some duties included loading syndicate columns of prominent conservative commentators, transcribing interviews, conducting research and writing her own stories.

"Altogether, I had 12 articles published online," Kane states. With this, she gained "solid interviewing and reporting experience."

These internships will prove to make a lasting impression. Wolff gained a new set of skills and a new field in which he can look for jobs.



**SUMMER INTERNS —**  
Counterclockwise: Cassandra Kane '10 in Washington D.C.; Jon Wolff '09 at Creative Sound Studios in Orefield, Pa.; Steve Wisner posing with Goofy in Walt Disney World, Florida.

"It was a completely different use of the same equipment that I was used to using with music," Wolff explains.

Wisner gained confidence and inter-personal skills, as well as the chance to grow as a person.

"Interactions with less-fortunate people were the most memorable," Wisner remembers. "Every day was a new experience, something that made me a better person."

Kane obtained clips for her portfolio, made valuable professional contacts and met some of her idols.

A memorable experience included running into David Broder, a political columnist for *The Washington Post*, on the metro. They talked about her aspirations as a journalist, as well as their prospective thoughts about the presidential race.

"I worked in a political newsroom three blocks from the United States Capitol and was writing and reading about politics every single day. What else could I ask for?"

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## Students prepare for life outside the valley

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For many seniors at LVC, life after graduation is a question mark accented by occasional panic attacks.

Between job-searching and applying to graduate schools, the road to the future looks more like an intricate maze.

Fortunately for LVC students, there is Career Services, located in the basement of Mund College Center. There exists a staff that provides individualized attention to all students.

According to Sharon Givler, the director of Career Services, LVC excels at preparing students for the working world.

"The world of work expects you to be able to communicate, interview, and write well. LVC happens

to do this very well," she says.

Yearly surveys that go out to graduating classes six months after commencement yield "relatively little negative feedback," says Givler. "Those who are involved in studies, campus activities, and relative jobs say LVC has prepared them well, analytically and communicatively."

Music Recording Technology major Erika Maury '08 agrees.

"I felt completely prepared to set out into the working world. Finding a job isn't the easiest thing to do; however, it was nothing unexpected."

"Honestly, I feel that LVC prepared me in most aspects of the working world," says Holly Serio '08. "I have come to realize that there are just things that no class can prepare you for."

Results show the success of Ca-

reer Services through percentages. 88 percent of '06 graduates found jobs within six to nine months after graduation, and 18 percent attended graduate school. In 2007, 74.8 percent of seniors found jobs within that time period, and 35.5 percent opted for continuing education.

For LVC, Givler says, it is nearly impossible to pit one department's success over another, for most are successful in finding a job six to nine months after graduation. But certain jobs are in higher demand than others, according to a 2007 study by the U.S. Bureau of Labor.

The top 10 jobs that are most in-demand in America encompass Registered Nurses, elementary school and high school teachers, teachers' assistants, accountants, auditors, and various computer

software jobs.

Career Services meets with students on a variety of levels, whether it's helping perfect a résumé or deciding what profession they would like. Regardless, the application process requires focus and determination.

"You have to make getting a job a job in and of itself," Givler advises. "Our job isn't to get people jobs; it's to help people get better at finding and applying for jobs."

A common complaint among seniors, Givler adds, is that they do not know what jobs to look for or where to look for jobs.

"What makes it hard is that students are looking at what everyone else is looking at, what is posted in front of them. You must look deeper, stir up waters and use connections," she claims.

"It is all about persistence," Serio

adds. "If you put in the work, you will have a better chance getting a job. The job will not just come to you."

Fortunately, the Web site at [www.lvc.edu/career](http://www.lvc.edu/career) posts plentiful job resources. Between searching and applying for positions, scheduling on-campus interviews with recruiters, and hosting job fairs and workshops, there are jobs posted according to area of study and geographical area.

"Students have to do things to put themselves out there, and we have to attract employers to look at résumés posted online. It's a two-fold relationship [between students and Career Services]," Givler says.

Between its office staff and the Web site, Career Services has all the bases covered.

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LVC Job Center





## Arts &amp; Entertainment

## A trunk full of folk tales

LVC musicians tackle politics, capitalism and Johnny Cash in debut album

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Dan Anderson doesn't like capitalism, and he doesn't like Wal-Mart.

"I haven't bought a thing from Wal-Mart in four years," he says. "I think Wal-Mart is the scourge of the earth, and I think they epitomize the fact that we are on the eve of the downfall of modern day capitalism as we know it...and I couldn't be more enthused."

That enthusiasm makes an appearance on *Jesus Saves*, the first album from Trunks & Tales, but it doesn't translate to happy songs. It's quite the opposite; the album sounds a little bit like growing up in the Dustbowl during the Depression, with melancholy lyrics set to acoustic guitars and a harmonica in classic folk fashion.

It's what the band does, and they do it well.

However, it's a far cry from Anderson's last band, Folk Chicken, which, like Trunks & Tales, he fronted with Justin Lutz. Whereas in Folk Chicken, more was more with the band growing as large as 14 musicians at shows, Trunks & Tales takes a minimalist approach: meaning just Lutz and Anderson and two acoustic guitars.

According to Lutz, the band isn't just acoustic Folk Chicken.

"The songs aren't really the same. It grew out of the fact that we both found ourselves without bands, just kinda like with our s\*\*\* laying everywhere and not anything cohesive happening at all."

The two split the songwriting duties, with each writing his own songs and then bringing them to rehearsal.

"We came to the realization last night we should probably write songs together," laughs Lutz. "It's like, I wrote a song, and he'll have a slide part he can put on it—"

"—or an organ line or a guitar line or stomping," interjects Anderson.

"And he'll write a song, and I'll be like 'Well, since I suck at music all I can really do is put a little harmonica on it.' And that's basically the extent of it, because I play harmonica on his songs and he plays everything on my songs."

While the writing process may be fairly straightforward, what the songs are about tends to be a little harder to follow.

"They're all about the same thing, but we don't really need to divulge," explains Anderson.



Courtesy Trunks &amp; Tales

When Justin points out that he thinks one of Anderson's songs is about a bookcase, Anderson gets excited.

"There is one about a bookcase! Sort of. It's not really. That's what I was talking about last night; it's cryptic."

Anderson can explain one song thoroughly, though.

"I wrote a new song about Johnny Cash, though. Getting drunk

with Johnny Cash."

One topic the band won't stray away from, though, is politics. Lutz has friends that were arrested protesting the Republican National Convention last month. Anderson sees both sides of the situation and believes that the issues at the RNC came from both the police and the protestors stereotyping each other and not respecting each other.

That being said, Anderson sides with the protestors in the end.

"But there was an agenda," he says. "There was an agenda by the people in charge of the RNC to not have their voices be heard, which is the first issue."

"If that roundabout question was whether we sympathized with radical political viewpoints, then I think the answer was probably yes," laughs Lutz.

While politics do not explicitly play a part in the band's songs, the topic does, according to Lutz, influence everything else about the band.

"Most of our between-song banter and merch ideas [is influenced by politics]. We're going to do this split with this guy called Nathan from PA, and we're going to call it 'Con-

serve Oil, Burn Flags,'" he says.

"And in each will be a memorabilia—I feel like I'm promoting PBS right now and their fund drives—but for a mere pledge of \$180, you will receive a fragment of burnt flag in your CD," elaborates Anderson.

The two realize the seriousness of what they want to do.

"You can get arrested for that s\*\*\*," says Anderson.

Lutz has ways around it.

"It's protected under the Constitution if it's for public display or you have an actual, like, reason to do it."

"If we're not making money off it," says Anderson, "we could probably swing it. And I don't care about making money."

"Yeah, it's a statement," agrees Lutz.

Currently, the band is working on booking a tour up and down the east coast during Christmas break. Along with local band Lake Seldom Seen, they plan to go to Gainesville, Fl. and back, and then maybe continuing up into New England.

"We'll basically spend the month playing shows and not working," said Justin.

The band's debut, *Jesus Saves*, is available for free at [myspace.com/trunkstales](http://myspace.com/trunkstales).

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## Lee attempts to tell excellent tale in mediocre film



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After finding much success with *Inside Man*, Spike Lee returns to the director's chair with *Miracle at St. Anna*, the story of four African American soldiers trapped in a Tuscan village during World War II.

A story that has lingered on the hushed lips of many is finally being told. Does Lee's vision do

it justice?

Every director thrives to define their career by making an epic film, but unfortunately not all directors' attempts are successful. This film is a perfect example of that.

Every time the story deviated away from the accounts of the four African American soldiers and delved into numerous superfluous subplots, it disrupted the narrative. Maybe the intent was epic filmmaking, but the execution was misguided.

Lee is known for attacking issues of race and discrimination head on. The tense, emotionally stirring, and sometimes uncomfortable scenes of hate and bigotry have garnered Lee much praise for his ability to capture such things. However, the essence of Lee was missing in *Mira-*

*cle*, and such scenes were lackluster at best.

In the 1940s WWII era, it is highly doubtful that African Americans would be speaking in the current ghetto jargon of the Millennial generation of today.

For a film that is steeped in realism, surpassing a detail such as language would be a paramount issue and need to be addressed, would it not?

One of the film's major strengths was its musical score because it was colorful and quite reflective of the images being shown on screen. Both the intense and regal theme of the Nazi soldiers and the light Spanish guitar theme that accompanied the African Americans as they spend time in Tuscany were incorporated well.

The cinematography was beautifully shot for a bulk of the movie in the mountainous terrain of Italy. Its portrayal was so vivid and alive that it made a pleasing and welcomed distraction.

An important part of the war drama genre is the realistic and graphic war scenes. *Miracle's* war scenes felt like something ripped from other successful war films like *Saving Private Ryan* and *Black Hawk Down*.

*Miracle* is a mixed bag of tricks. There are quite heartwarming scenes and sporadic comedic moments, but in juxtaposition, you have a muddled plot and scenes that tend to drag.

Lee must not have been thinking because he ended up with a 160 minute film.

The regular theatre crowd is going to be dozing during this dreary flick, Spike Lee fans will leave wanting more, and the movie critic will have wished the film hadn't left the editing room floor so soon.

It's worth a viewing or two, but just wait for the DVD so you can incorporate your own intermission.

*Final Grade: C*

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# PERSPECTIVES

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*Reuse, Reduce, Recycle...It's easier than you think!*

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I distinctly remember one of my English teachers in high school forcing me, on all handwritten assignments, to observe a one inch margin on all sides, to skip lines, and not to write on the back of the paper.

This really bothered me because I knew that such rules caused us to use twice as much paper as was necessary. You might be thinking that it's not a big deal how much paper we use because we can recycle it all, but I think there's a reason that the saying goes "reuse, reduce, recycle" in that order.

It costs money and energy to recycle paper, and in the aftermath, there is only a 48 percent recovery rate; so out of every two pieces of paper recycled, one new sheet can be created. That's not the best business strategy, as far as I can tell.

The first goal to strive for is reducing the amount of paper we use as individuals. Furthermore, we can reuse any paper that has a blank side for taking

notes. But if you find that idea a little too radical, ignore it, and just remember this next sentence. Recycle.

But why is any of this a big deal? My main argument would normally be that deforestation is changing our climate patterns, taking away habitats for animals, decreasing biodiversity, and causing floods or creating deserts as the water cycle changes.

While all of this is absolutely valid and disconcerting

for any environmentalist, what you should really know is that 35% of solid waste in landfills is paper that could have been recycled. Actually, around 75% of all solid waste in landfills consists of recyclable materials that people threw away instead of recycling.

An engineer who works at the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority gave a figure of 54,000 tons—the amount of solid waste that is recycled every year in Leba-

non County instead of being thrown away. This is a step in the right direction, considering that the landfill receives about 94,000 tons of solid waste per year. But even so, this landfill will be full in 15 to 20 years. That's it, folks. No more space for Lebanon County's trash.

Then what do we do? Do we destroy more ecosystems to create land for our waste? Even if we find more space, it costs about half a million dollars per acre to convert land to safely dispose of the solid waste, which requires more of America's tax dollars.

It's a downward spiral, and it's not pretty.

Therefore, slowing down this process seems to be the most logical choice. It's tempting to abuse our easy access to paper supplies, but don't listen to teachers who tell you not to write on the back of the paper. Write on the back; in fact, write in the margins.

If you don't want to reuse paper by taking notes on the blank side, give it to me. I'll use it all. And after that, I'll recycle it.

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## TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

**Q:** I always just figured I would go to college after high school, and it would be the same thing. But now, college is a lot different than I thought. The classes are harder, and I've been struggling in some of my classes, and living away from home is something I'm not used to either. I don't know what to do... I really don't want to drop out but I feel like I'm running out of options. What else can I do?

- Stressed Student

**Beth:** Dropping out is a pretty drastic move, especially if you haven't exhausted all the possibilities of improving your grades. Freshman year is always an adjustment, and it always takes more than just a couple of weeks. Many upperclassmen, including myself, will say that their first semester was

their worst academically. You have to deal with being away from family and friends as well as deal with new problems such as roommates and juggling a busy schedule. But come second semester, you will find that things will go a lot smoother.

As for academics, there are a ton of tutoring services and places where you can go for academic help. Being on such a small campus with an excellent professor-student ratio, you'll find that most professors are more than willing to help one-on-one. If that is too intimidating, then try peer tutoring services and the Writing Center. Don't feel ashamed to go, either. Many students utilize these two services because they are

free of charge and can meet with you according to your needs.

**Jen:** College is and always will be a lot different than high school. As far as academics go, college is not going to be the same as high school; professors expect the very best from the students and try to give them the best education out there. From personal experience, the key to success is to not procrastinate. Once you realize you are having trouble with a class, do something about it. Professors aren't going to necessarily come to you and tell you exactly what you need to do.

College is about being independent and responsible for your own actions. The college offers so many

resources like Beth said, from working with professors to tutoring programs.

Don't be afraid to take the first step to your own success. Dropping out really shouldn't be your last option unless you have tried everything else. Talk to your professor or advisor, someone who can give you guidance; that's one of the perks of going to a small college.

As far as personal life, this is a chance for you to learn how to balance classes, activities, and everything else to get ready for life outside of college. College is doable, even though it can be tough at times. Don't be afraid of change; it's the only constant in our lives.

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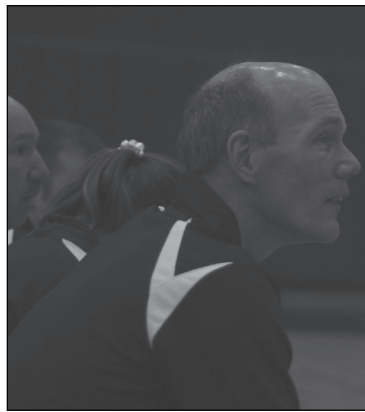
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# SPORTS

## Hooked on winning Perry digs in with 400 career wins

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Courtesy Sports Information

**SET FOR VICTORY** Perry looks on from his familiar spot on the bench.

"When I first started doing this [coaching], I got hooked right away." Doing something you love and being successful at it makes it all the more special.

Wayne Perry '78, the only head coach of the Lebanon Valley College women's volleyball team since its addition to the LVC athletics program back in 1986, reached a monumental feat earlier this season.

Entering his 22nd season at the helm, Perry's squad took on conference-rival Albright College at the LVC Gymnasium on Wednesday, Sept. 17. With his team's 3-0 win in commanding fashion, he reached victory number 400.

Currently sitting with a record of 404-264 (.605), Perry sits in the record books in 25th place with most victories all-time by a head coach in Division III history.

"I knew it was going to come sometime this season," says Perry. "It was inevitable but enjoyable."

Before becoming head coach, Perry studied at Lebanon Valley in the biology curriculum and currently works in the chemistry field.

Even today, Perry gives credit back to the place he calls home.

"I think the biggest thing about coaching this long is that everything I own, I owe to Lebanon Valley," says Perry. "The education I received, the ways I look at society, problems, and people: it all came

from here. No matter where I go, I always carry the Lebanon Valley torch. I am proud to be a part of it."

But credit is also given to his wife Diana for her years of assistance, help, and love.

"It's really cool to be with the person you love and to be able to do something that you both love together for so long," says Perry. "You can't ask for more than that."

Diana responded with a similar comment.

"One thing is it is easy for us because we both enjoy it. It is our hobby," she says.

The reason why this dedicated coach enjoys his time on the court so much is because of his group of girls who strive for consistency on a daily basis.

"One of the things I always tell my kids," says Perry, "is that if you do the little things correctly, you are going to win most of the time."

Consistency was not always

evident in the early years of the program as Perry saw his teams go through winning and losing seasons.

At one point during this roller coaster stretch, Perry and his wife Diana, an assistant for 18 years on the bench, almost threw in the towel.

But looking back today, the soft-spoken coach knew he made the right choice because he sees goal-oriented, focused, competitive, and hard-working players on the floor.

"The kids now make all the difference, and they make you want to come back to coach," says Perry. "I walk away from the gym every day like I accomplished something."

Senior Brandi Roth, a four-year starter under Perry, spoke about her time on the team and how her coach has influenced her.

"I have grown up a lot here at LVC with Wayne as my coach," says Roth. "During situations that come up at volleyball practice, he likes to make connections to character building and preparation for the real world. He has not only been a coach to me, but a mentor shining a bright light for guidance."

As for now, with his team notching the most victories in the Commonwealth Conference at 11-1 and a 15-2 record overall, don't expect this dedicated and fun-loving coach to be throwing in the towel anytime soon.

"The longer you do something, the better you get at it," Perry says.

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## Women's soccer scores third straight shut-out

TONY GORICK '11  
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The victories keep coming.

The Lebanon Valley College women's soccer team kept their shutout streak going with a convincing 3-0 win over Franklin & Marshall on Thursday, Sept. 25.

The Dutchmen wasted no time getting started, as Lauren King '11 headed the ball into the net early in the first half after Dana Thomsen '10 had her shot blocked.

LVC finished the first half up by only one but, Ely Kirkhoff '11 made it two by scoring in the open-

ing moments of the second half with a beautiful shot 20 yards out that tucked into the top left corner.

A penalty kick by Thomsen cemented their 3-0 victory after King was taken down in the box.

Alyson Reitmeyer '12 backed up the Dutchmen with defense, demolishing any opportunity for a Diplomat goal.

The women have a showdown with King's College today and then return home for conference play against Albright on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Head Coach Lauren Frankford wants to be sure that this week's dominating wins aren't just a passing trend.

"I have emphasized to the girls that we cannot become complacent because we won a few games," she says. "We need to continue to stay focused and work on improving with every performance."

With conference play fast approaching, staying focused is critical.

"All of our conference games are huge, it's important that we start off on the right foot on Saturday against Albright," Coach Frankford states. "We are most focused on that match and will take one game at a time."

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### BY THE NUMBERS

12TH

Finish by Brad Sweigart '11 in a pool of 167 at the Belmont Classic on Saturday.

78

Season low score shot by LVC golfer Steve Garby '10 on Saturday at the Susquehanna Invitational.

0-14-2

The record held by men's soccer against Elizabethtown before their fist win on Saturday.

.605

Wayne Perry's winning percentage as LVC volleyball coach.

### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

#### TRAVIS STEEDLE SOCCER

Steedle scored the first goal in the 2-1 OT victory over Elizabethtown. He leads the team in goals and assists with three each.



#### LAUREN KING SOCCER

King has played an instrumental part in the team's three straight victories. She was involved in three goals in the DeSales game and scored the opening goal against F&M.



### Scoreboard

#### Field Hockey:

9/24 at Gettysburg W, 5-0  
9/30 at Elizabethtown PPD

#### Men's Soccer:

9/24 at Susquehanna L, 1-2  
9/27 at Moravian W, 2-1 (OT)

#### Women's Soccer:

9/25 vs. F&M W, 3-0

#### Women's Tennis

9/30 at Arcadia L, 2-7

#### Golf

9/25 at Elizabethtown 11/12  
9/27 at Susquehanna 16/18

### Upcoming Games

#### Football:

10/4 at Wilkes 1 p.m.

#### Field Hockey:

10/2 vs. Shenandoah 4p.m.  
10/4 at Stevenson 12 p.m.

#### Volleyball:

10/1 vs. Widener 7 p.m.  
10/3 Devil's Classic (FDU)  
10/7 at Lycoming 7 p.m.

#### Men's Soccer:

10/1 vs. Misericordia 4 p.m.  
10/4 vs. Albright 3 p.m.

#### Women's Soccer:

10/1 at King's 7 p.m.  
9/23 vs. Albright 12 p.m.

#### Women's Tennis

10/2 at Goucher 3 p.m.  
10/5 vs. Susquehanna 1 p.m.

#### Men's Tennis

10/5 vs. Susquehanna 1 p.m.

#### Cross Country

10/3 at Paul Short Classic 12 p.m.

#### Golf

10/1 at Messiah 12 p.m.  
10/6 at F&M 1 p.m.  
10/7 at Gettysburg 1 p.m.



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to 400th career win  
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Sports staff predicts  
the MLB play-offs  
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# SPORTS

## Field hockey shoots past Bullets, halted by rain

STEVEN H. WISNER '09  
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The field hockey squad returned to form this week, as they took on back-to-back fourteenth ranked opponents.

On Thursday, LVC, ranked eight in the nation, traveled to historic Gettysburg to take on the fourteenth ranked Bullets.

In the contest, the Dutchmen shut-out the Bullets while scoring five goals off the sticks of five different players, giving them a 5-0 win.

The star of the game was goalkeeper Caitlin Baro '10 who recorded a career high nine saves, handing Gettysburg their first shutout loss since Sept. 6, 2007.

The Valley grabbed the early lead in the 16th minute off a goal from Alex Wolfe '09. Jocelyn Novak '12 followed up Wolfe four minutes later with her team leading 11th goal of the season, giving LVC a 2-0 lead.

With another goal, off the stick of Avery Carter '10, the Dutchmen were



Courtesy Sports Information

**VETERAN LEADERSHIP** Alex Wolfe '09 scored what turned out to be the winning goal in the team's 5-0 victory over #14 Gettysburg.

able to take a 3-0 lead before the half.

The Valley recorded two more goals in the second half to secure the commanding 5-0 victory.

"We just played well," said Amber Corcoran '09. "We were connecting our passes, working together and everyone was supporting each other, whether on the

field or on the bench."

Corcoran's thoughts were echoed throughout the team.

"We worked really hard to earn this win over Gettysburg," said Caitlin Baro '10. "We finally came together as a unit and had a full team effort, offensively and defensively."

The game was a definite moral

boost for the team as they headed into their conference play.

"I think that the Gettysburg game was just what our team needed," said Wolfe. "Things came together and our team played as a solid unit. We all realized that we needed a higher level of intensity, especially as we begin facing our tough conference competition."

Yesterday, the Dutchmen continued their strong play against #14 Elizabethtown, who gained the ranking following the Bullets loss to LVC.

The defense was solid in the first half as both teams remained scoreless going into the second half.

The game was postponed with 24:52 remaining due to lighting. The game is scheduled to be finished today at 4:30 p.m.

The Valley returns to action when they host Shenandoah tomorrow at 4 p.m. Their next conference match is against perennial powerhouse, Messiah at 1 p.m. on October 11.

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## Men's soccer earns historic win

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The men's soccer team opened conference play with a dramatic 2-1 overtime win at Elizabethtown, off the first collegiate goal by Jordan Auman '12.

Several LVC students traveled to E-town for the big win. The Valley had been 0-14-2 against Elizabethtown since 1993.

LVC controlled the contest early, putting the Blue Jays on their heels.

The pressure paid off in the 22nd minute when Travis Steedle '10 ripped a shot from 22 yards out that passed keeper Jeff Mullen to give LVC a 1-0 lead.

The Blue Jays thought they had equalized in the 55th minute, but the goal was called off, as the referee had blown his whistle before the shot was taken.

Midway through the second half, the game was delayed for 25 minutes when a collision forced Elizabethtown's Bryan Holt to be taken off the field on a stretcher.

After the delay, the Blue Jays came out determined to win the game for Holt and tied it up in the 74th minute when Dan Featherer blasted a long shot off the near post and in.

Neither side scored in the remaining 16 minutes, and the match went into overtime tied at 1-1.

LVC worked the ball deep into Blue Jay territory in the opening seconds of overtime. Auman's first shot was blocked, but the rebound came straight back and he hammered a shot from 25 yards out past a diving Mullen for the historic win.

Keeper Tim Mehl '09 made four saves in the win, two game savers.

"Right now I'm just so proud of these guys," said Head Coach Charlie Grimes, a 1997 graduate of E-town. "I cannot say enough of the effort that our boys put forth."

LVC continues conference play against Albright College this Saturday at 4 p.m.

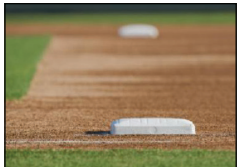
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LOS ANGELES DODGERS V. CHICAGO CUBS	DODGERS IN 4	CUBS IN 4	CUBS IN 5	CUBS IN 3	CUBS IN 5
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